

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (original) A silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol comprising a completely hydrolyzed or partially hydrolyzed vinyl ester copolymer having a degree of hydrolysis of from 75 to 100 mol%, obtained by free radical polymerization of
  - a) one or more vinyl esters of straight-chain or branched alkane carboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, of which an amount of from 1 to 30 mol%, based on total polymer, are one or more 1-alkylvinyl esters of C<sub>1-6</sub> carboxylic acids, where the 1-alkyl groups are C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl radicals;
  - b) from 0.01 to 10 mol% of one or more silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers, and
  - c) optionally further comonomers copolymerizable therewith,and hydrolysis of the polymers obtained thereby.
2. (original) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1, wherein the vinyl ester a) comprises vinyl acetate.
3. (original) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1, wherein the 1-alkylvinyl ester comprises 1-methylvinyl acetate.
4. (original) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1, having a Höppler viscosity according to DIN 53015, as 4% by weight aqueous solution of from 2 to 50 mPas.
5. (currently amended) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1, wherein at least one silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers is selected from

the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated silicon compounds of the general formula  $R^1SiR^2_{0-2}(OR^3)_{1-3}$ , in which each  $R^1$  is independently  $CH_2=CR^4-(CH_2)_{0-1}$  or  $CH_2=CR^4CO_2(CH_2)_{1-3}$ , each  $R^2$  independently is a  $C_{1-3}[[C_1- to C_3]]$ -alkyl radical,  $C_{1-3}[[C_1- to C_3]]$ -alkoxy radical, or halogen, each  $R^3$  independently is an optionally branched, optionally substituted  $C_{1-12}$  alkyl radical [[12]] or a  $C_{2-12}$  acyl radical [[ $R_3$ ]] optionally be interrupted by an ether group, and each  $R^4$  is independently H or  $CH_3$ , and a (meth)acrylamide containing silane groups of the formula  $CH_2=CR^5-CO-NR^6-R^7-SiR^8_m-(R^9)_{3-m}$ , in which  $m = 0$  to 2, each  $R^5$  is independently H or a methyl group, each  $R^6$  is independently H or a  $C_{1-5}$  alkyl group, each  $R^7$  is independently a  $C_{1-5}$  alkylene group or a bivalent organic group in which the carbon chain is interrupted by an O or N atom, each  $R^8$  is independently a  $C_{1-5}$  alkyl group, and each  $R^9$  is independently a  $C_{1-40}$  alkoxy group optionally containing ~~substituted by~~ further heterocycles heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, or P.

6. (original) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohols of claim 1, wherein said polymerization is a mass polymerization, a suspension polymerization or a polymerization in organic solvents.

7. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1.

8. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 2.

9. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 3.

10. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 4.

11. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 5.

12. (original) A coating slip-coated substrate, comprising a substrate and the coating slip of claim 7.

13. (original) The coating slip-coated substrate of claim 12, wherein the substrate comprises paper, plastics-coated paper, or a plastics foil.

14. (original) The coating slip-coated substrate of claim 12, wherein the substrate is paper.

15. (original) The coating slip-coated substrate of claim 12, wherein said coating slip-coated substrate is suitable for use in ink jet printing.